

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

2003

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our service men and women are known for being courageous and ready to do their duty when called upon, whether it is being deployed overseas for months or having a permanent change of duty station and moving their families with them; and

WHEREAS, frequent moves, leaving friends, changing schools and extended family separations can present challenges for a child; and

WHEREAS, military children are raised in a diverse environment and have the opportunity to experience different, unique ways of life and cultures; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to reflect and recognize both the contributions and personal sacrifices military children make; and

WHEREAS, since 1986 the Secretary of Defense has designated each April as "The Month of the Military Child";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2003 as "**THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**" in North Carolina, and urge our citizens to focus attention on military children and our responsibility to them.

Michael F. Easley

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this second day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-seventh.